

During your Signing Appointment, we notarized your signature as the Principal of this Durable Special Power of Attorney.

However, the following steps are your responsibility:

- (1) Your Agent must sign this Durable Special Power of Attorney in the presence of a Notary Public where indicated; and

- (2) After the Durable Special Power of Attorney has been signed by your Agent and notarized, you should place the original executed Durable Special Power of Attorney in the white envelope marked "Living Trust Documents". This white envelope should be placed in safe location such as a safe deposit box.

You should always keep the original of this Durable Special Power of Attorney in your possession. As a Trustee of your Living Trust, your Agent will be able to access your safe deposit box and retrieve his or her Durable Special Power of Attorney. If you decide that you do not want an Agent to have this power, you can revoke the Durable Special Power of Attorney by destroying the original.

**Information about the Durable Special Power of Attorney:**

The Durable Special Power of Attorney is referred to as a "funding" Power of Attorney. This document allows someone to transfer money into your Living Trust account(s). Each Trustee has a separate Durable Special Power of Attorney where he or she is named as your Agent.

DURABLE SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, MARY J. CONNALLY, of St. Louis City, Missouri, hereby appoint BRET BLACKFORD to serve as my attorney-in-fact (my "Agent"), giving to my Agent the power to accomplish the following acts in my name and for my benefit, as follows:

1. Transfer to Trust

I grant my Agent full power and authority to do everything necessary to transfer, assign, convey, and deliver any interest I may have in property owned by me to:

MARY J. CONNALLY, sole Trustee, or her successors in trust, under the CONNALLY SURVIVORS TRUST established under the CONNALLY LIVING TRUST dated July 2, 2019, and any amendments thereto.

2. Enumeration of Specific Powers

In order for my Agent to transfer my property under this Durable Special Power of Attorney, the following powers are set forth to provide guidance as to some of the powers granted by me to my Agent:

- (a) My Agent may convey real or personal property, whether tangible or intangible, or any interest therein;
- (b) My Agent may transfer, convey, and assign stocks, bonds, securities, accounts held with securities firms, commodities, options, metals, and all other types of intangible property;
- (c) My Agent may receive and endorse checks and drafts, deposit and withdraw funds, and acquire and redeem certificates of deposit in banks, savings and loans, and all other financial institutions;
- (d) My Agent may execute or release mortgages, deeds of trust, or other security agreements as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Durable Special Power of Attorney;
- (e) My Agent may apply for, endorse, and transfer certificates of title for any motor vehicle;
- (f) My Agent may endorse, convey, and otherwise transfer all business interests that I may now own or hereafter acquire;
- (g) My Agent may have access to any safe deposit box rented by me and remove the contents of such safe deposit box, and any institution in which a safe deposit box is located shall be relieved of any liability to me, my heirs, or assigns as a result of my Agent's exercise of this power;
- (h) My Agent may prepare, sign, and file joint or separate income tax returns or declarations of estimated tax for any year, prepare, sign, and file gift tax returns with respect to gifts made by me for any year, and prepare, sign, and file any claims for refund of any tax; and

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(i) My Agent may also file income tax returns and all other forms of tax returns with respect to any business interest owned by me. My Agent may compromise and settle tax disputes and execute any agreements regarding such disputes with any tax authority. My Agent may act in my behalf in all tax matters before all officers of the Internal Revenue Service and for any other taxing authority, including the receipt of confidential information.

**3. Reliance upon Representations of My Agent**

No person who acts in reliance on the representations of my Agent or the authority granted under this Durable Special Power of Attorney shall incur any liability to me, my heirs, or assigns as a result of permitting my Agent to exercise any power granted under this Durable Special Power of Attorney.

**4. My Disability**

This Durable Special Power of Attorney shall not be affected if I become disabled or incapacitated.

**5. Life Insurance on the Life of My Agent**

My Agent shall have no rights or powers with respect to any policy of insurance owned by me on the life of my Agent.

**6. Property Held by Me in a Fiduciary Capacity**

My Agent shall have no power under this Durable Special Power of Attorney with regard to any act, power, duty, right, or obligation that I may have relating to any person, matter, transaction, or property held by me or in my custody as a trustee, custodian, personal representative, or other fiduciary capacity.

**7. HIPAA Release Authority**

I intend for my Agent to be treated as I would be with respect to my rights regarding the use and disclosure of my individually identifiable health information or other medical records. This release authority applies to any information governed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (aka HIPAA), 42 USC 1320d and 45 CFR 160-164. I authorize:

(a) Any physician, healthcare professional, dentist, health plan, hospital, clinic, laboratory, pharmacy, or other covered health care provider, any insurance company and the Medical Information Bureau Inc., or other health care clearinghouse that has provided treatment or services to me or that has paid for or is seeking payment from me for such services;

(b) To give, disclose and release to my Agent, without restriction;

(c) All of my individually identifiable health information and medical records regarding any past, present, or future medical or mental health condition, to include all information relating to the diagnosis and treatment of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, mental illness, and drug or alcohol abuse.

The authority given my Agent shall supersede any prior agreement that I may have made with my health care providers to restrict access to or disclosure of my individually identifiable health information. The authority given my Agent has no expiration date and shall expire only in the event that I revoke the authority in writing and deliver it to my health care provider.

**8. Legal Effect**

THIS IS A DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY AND THE AUTHORITY OF MY ATTORNEY-IN-FACT SHALL NOT TERMINATE IF I BECOME DISABLED OR INCAPACITATED OR IN THE EVENT OF LATER UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER I AM DEAD OR ALIVE.

Dated: May 22, 2025

Mary J. Connally  
MARY J. CONNALLY, Principal

Bret Blackford  
BRET BLACKFORD, Agent

STATE OF MISSOURI )

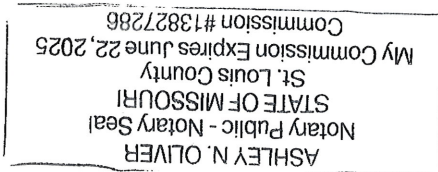
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COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS )

On May 22, 2025, before me, a Notary Public, in and for said state, personally appeared MARY J. CONNALLY, Principal, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing Durable Special Power of Attorney and acknowledged to me that it was executed for the purposes therein stated.

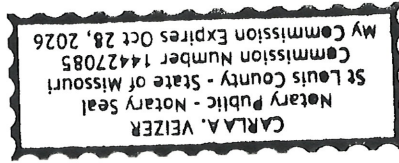
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My Commission expires:

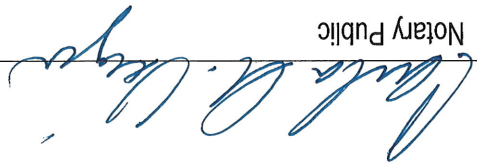


Notary Public

[Signature]



My Commission expires: 10/28/2026

  
Notary Public

Witness my hand and official seal.

On July 22, 2025, before me, a Notary Public, in and for said state, personally appeared BRET BLACKFORD, Agent, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing Durable Special Power of Attorney and acknowledged to me that it was executed for the purposes therein stated.

COUNTY OF St. Louis )

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STATE OF Missouri )

Mary J. Connally

Dated: May 22, 2025

Accepted and Agreed

I acknowledge that I have read the attached document titled "Proper Storage of Estate Planning Documents" and understand that it is my responsibility to secure my original estate planning documents.

#### PROPER STORAGE OF ORIGINAL ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS

I further acknowledge that I have taken possession of my original Last Will and Testament, and my Living Trust and other ancillary documents and have been advised to secure the original documents in a fireproof, safe location accessible to the successor Trustees. This could be, by way of example, a bank safe deposit box in the name of my Living Trust, or a fireproof safe. I understand that my Living Trust in my red Estate Planning Portfolio is a duplicate original. I understand that there is only one original Last Will and Testament in my possession and that the red Estate Planning Portfolio contains a conformed copy of my Last Will and Testament. It is my responsibility to ensure that my Last Will and Testament can be located at the time of my death by my Personal Representative or Trustee.

#### RECEIPT OF ORIGINAL LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, LIVING TRUST AND ANCILLARY DOCUMENTS

Please understand that it is very important to transfer all or nearly all of your assets to the Connally Survivor's Trust established under the Connally Living Trust dated July 2, 2019, as amended. **ANY ASSETS WHICH REMAIN TITLED IN YOUR NAME ALONE AT YOUR DEATH MAY NEED TO BE PROBATED.** As you acquire additional assets, you should title them according to the instructions in your red estate planning portfolio.

I acknowledge that I have been advised by counsel of the importance of funding the Connally Survivor's Trust established under the Connally Living Trust dated July 2, 2019, as amended (my "Living Trust") and I understand that funding my Living Trust is my responsibility. I also understand that neither my attorney, Bradford L. Stevens, nor Shands, Elbert, Gianoulakis & Giljum, LLP is responsible for funding my Living Trust. In addition, I acknowledge that I have reviewed the funding instructions and I understand the instructions have been provided to assist us with the funding of my Living Trust.

#### FUNDING ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## PROPER STORAGE OF ORIGINAL ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Now that you have signed your estate planning documents, it is extremely important that they can be located when they are needed. We have placed your original estate planning documents in a white envelope marked "Living Trust Documents." In addition, we have delivered to you your original Last Will and Testament in a separate white envelope marked with the name of the person whose Last Will and Testament is enclosed in the envelope. Your original estate planning documents should be stored in a place that is safe, secure, and sensible location, such as a safe-deposit box or a home safe. It is critical that your successor Trustee can access the documents when needed. It is not a matter of if your Trustee will need the documents, it is simply a matter of when. We do not recommend that you store your original estate planning documents in an ill-advised location such as in the freezer, in an automobile, in a flood-prone basement or in one of many boxes that are stored in a garage. Help your loved ones by making sure this information is easy to locate in the event of your incapacity or death.

If you choose to store your original estate planning documents in a safe-deposit box, please be advised of the following:

- ☐ The safe-deposit box should be titled in the name of your Living Trust so that any of your successor Trustees can obtain the contents when needed. Please be advised that some banks will not allow you to title a safe-deposit box in the name of a Living Trust. We recommend that you find a bank that will allow a Living Trust to be the owner of the safe-deposit box.
- ☐ Under the "Last Will and Testament" tab in your red Estate Planning Portfolio, there is a place to write down the information regarding your safe-deposit box. This should include the name and address of the bank, the safe-deposit box number, and the location of the key.

If you choose to store your original estate planning documents in a home safe, please be advised of the following:

- ☐ Your home safe needs to be fire rated to withstand a high-temperature fire as well as waterproof.
- ☐ Under the "Last Will and Testament" tab in your red Estate Planning Portfolio, there is a place to write down the information regarding your home safe. This includes the location of the key to the safe or the combination to the safe.

If you have not already done so, we recommend that you communicate to your successor Trustees the location of your red Estate Planning Portfolio and the location of your original estate planning documents. Under the tab "Document Location" in your red Estate Planning Portfolio, there is a form you can complete to indicate where specific documents are located. Documents such as one's Last Will and Testament, comes with a presumption that if the Will cannot be found that such person's Will was destroyed by its creator with the intent that it should be revoked! The only way to overcome that presumption is by evidence which can require a court hearing. This can be a very expensive, time-consuming endeavor with no guaranty that the Probate Court will accept a copy of the Last Will and Testament as an original.

Also, it is important that any old, revoked estate planning documents that no longer reflect your wishes are destroyed, with the exemption of Amendments or Restatements to your Living Trust. You must retain your original Living Trust along with any Amendments and/or Restatements. Old estate planning documents can cause unnecessary family conflicts and misunderstandings.